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DEPT PASS TO GEORGE SHAFER, TREASURY, BUREAU OF THE MINT

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EFIN, DR
SUBJECT: AWARDING OF BID TO US MINT (DOMINICAN COINS)

REF TREASURY 102250

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED 5 APRIL 78 LETTER FROM CESAR A RAMIREZ, MANAGER OF CENTRAL BANK, CONCERNING THE BID OF THE US MINT FOR MINTING OF DOMINICAN COINS. INFORMAL TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS: (ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED).

QUOTE WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CENTRAL BANK HAS AWARDED THE US MINT, IN WASHINGTON, THE STRIKING OF 20,860,000 COINS WITH AMETALLIC COMPOSITION OF 75 PERCENT COPPER AND 25 PERCENT NICKEL, EXCEPT FOR THE RD$0.01 COIN WITT A METALLIC COMPOSITION OF 95 PERCENT COPPER AND FIVE PERCENT TIN/ZINC, IN ACCORDIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF ITS QUOTATION DATED 13 FEB 78, AND WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

READ THE FOLLOWING IN SEVEN COLUMNS

DENOMINATION	QUANTITY (THOUSANDS) 1978	QUANTITY (THOUSANDS) 1979	DIAMETER (MILLIMETERS)
RD$1.00	40	45	38.1

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.50	300	435	30.6
.25	1,000	1,585	24.3
.10	3,000	3,485	17.9
.05	2,000	2,985	21.2
.01	3,000	2,985	19.05
	9.340	11,520	

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GRAMS	EDGE	TOTAL (THOUSANDS)
26.7	REEDED	85
12-1/2	REEDED	735
6-1/4	REEDED	2,585
2-1/2	REEDED	4,485
5	SMOOTH	4,985
3	SMOOTH	5,985
		20,860

OF THE COINS TO BE MINTED WITH THE 1978 DATE, 5,000 OF EACH DENOMINATION SHALL BE MINTED WITH A PROOF FINISH IN SETS OF SIX COINS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CASES.

THESE COINS SHALL HAVE ON THE OBVERSE THE SAME DESIGN FEATURES AS THE COINS CIRCULATING IN 1976. THE REVERSE SHALL CONTAIN ONLY THE NATIONAL COAT OF ARMS. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED VEREINIGTE DEUTSCHE METALLWERKE AG, OF WEDOHL/WESTF, WEST GERMANY, TO SEND THE US MINT THE MASTER DIES AND THE PLASTER CASTS OF THE OBVERSE OF THE COINS MINTED BY THAT FIRM IN 1976 IN ORDER THAT, AFTER DUE IMPROVEMENT, THEY MAY BE USED IN THE MINTING OF THE ABOVE COINS, PROVIDED THE US MINT CONSIDERS THAT IT CAN PRODUCE FAVORABLE RESULT WITH THE DIES IN QUESTION.

WE ATTACH A SET OF SIX COINS THAT ARE NOW IN CIRCULATION, WHICH WILL SERVE AS A MODEL FOR THE OBVERSE, AS WELL AS A PRINT OF
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THE NATIONAL COAT OF ARMS TO BE USED ON THE REVERSE OF THE COINS TO BE MINTED.

OUR TENDER OF 16 JAN 78 WAS ON THE BASIS OF 20,950,000 COINS, FROM WHICH WE DIDUCTED 90,000 COINS WITH THE DATE 1979. WE ARE INTERESTED, THEREFORE, IN CONTACTING THE US MINT DIRECTLY IN ORDER TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON READJUSTING THEIR QUOTATION AND ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS ORDER.

THE ABOVE COINS WERE APPROVED BY THE MONETARY BOARD'S TWELFTH RESOLUTION OF 12 JAN 78 AND RATIFIED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH BY DECREE NO. 3367 OF 3 APR 78.

THANKING YOUR FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER, I REMAIN,

VERTY TRULY YOURS,
/S/ CEASAR A RAMIREZ
MANAGER UNQUOTE

2. MINT SET OF SIX COINS AND PRINT OF NATIONAL COAT OF ARMS HAS BEEN POUCHED TO MR SHAFER.
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